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Letter dated 11 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter dated 2 October 2012 regarding the hostile statement issued by the Sudan Liberation Movement, Northern Sector (SPLM-N) which implicitly threatened the implementation of the Security Agreement between the Government of the Sudan and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, I once again, regrettably, convey to you, and through you to the members of the esteemed Council that SPLM-N carried out an indiscriminate mortar shelling in Kadugli, the capital of South Kordofan, on 8 October 2012. The attacks coincided with the start of the Kadugli Consultative Forum on Peace Issues, which was attended by more than 15 Sudanese political parties.

The desperate attacks carried out by SPLM-N resulted in the death of seven innocent civilians and the injury of twenty-two others. The victims who lost their lives in the attacks are as follows:

1. Kura Hassan Saeed
2. Aisha Ibrahim Khairalla
3. Thorayah El-Khidir Makki Tutu
4. Nusaibah Awadalla (student)
5. Mohamed Yousif (child of 7 months only)
6. Manazil Matir (child)
7. Hussein Kuku (child)

Having brought these serious developments to your kind attention, I would like to reiterate that SPLM-N is continuously trying to undermine all the agreements signed by the Government of the Sudan and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan. No doubt, the aim of the recent heinous attacks against Kadugli and against the offices of the United Nations Children's Fund in the city by SPLM-N is to complicate and obstruct the channelling of humanitarian assistance to the needy people in South Kordofan, which will lead to the worsening of the humanitarian situation.

I also have the honour to enclose herewith a statement regarding the implementation of the tripartite humanitarian initiative issued by the tripartite partners, which shows that SPLM-N has not yet provided its views regarding the

commencement of the channelling of humanitarian assistance. This is further proof that SPLM-N is complicating and obstructing the implementation of the tripartite initiative. We therefore call on the Security Council to hold SPLM-N responsible for its outrageous violation of Security Council resolution 2046 (2012) and to take the necessary measures in this regard.

You are kindly requested to circulate this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
Permanent Representative

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Statement on the implementation of the tripartite initiative

The tripartite partners and the Government of the Sudan held a series of meetings at the level of the coordination and the technical committees to adopt the necessary steps towards the implementation of the memorandum of understanding signed between the two sides on 5 August 2012.

At the meetings it was concluded, at the request of the Government of the Sudan, that the tripartite partners would prepare an action plan for needs assessment and distribution of humanitarian aid to war-affected civilians in the South Kordofan and Blue Nile states. The plan, which was communicated to the Government on 8 October 2012, is based on data and information provided by the Government of the Sudan.

Based on the plan, and once the Government's final views with regard to it are obtained, it is expected that the tripartite partners will proceed within the framework of coordination and consultation with the Government of the Sudan for immediate implementation on the ground.

In addition, within the framework of the memorandum of understanding signed on 4 August 2012 by the tripartite partners and the Sudan Liberation Movement, Northern Sector (SPLM-N), the tripartite partners had simultaneous contact with SPLM-N to inform it of the conclusions that had been reached and to seek its views in that regard.

In fact, the tripartite partners have endeavoured for approximately 10 days, through multiple channels of communication, to obtain the views and observations of SPLM-N.

The tripartite partners look forward to getting the response by SPLM-N indicating its views and observations, at the earliest time. Taking into consideration the humanitarian situation of the war-affected civilians in both states, which cannot tolerate any delays, the option for immediate commencement of the implementation of the action plan in the locations where the Government has confirmed its ability to secure the distribution and assessment teams, strongly presents itself. There remains, once the views and observations of SPLM-N are received, the need to secure the teams that will operate in areas under its control.

The implementation of the assessment and distribution plan requires a commitment to a ceasefire and a cessation of hostilities from both sides, as provided for in the two memorandums of understanding. This is a requirement necessitated by the humanitarian situation in the two states and would promote the achievements made in Addis Ababa on 27 September 2012, at the last round of negotiations between the Sudan and South Sudan. These positive outcomes have encouraged the partners to appeal to both sides and to urge them to take a positive decision.

Regrettably, reports of shelling in the city of Kadugli on 8 October 2012, which resulted also in a mortar shell falling in a compound occupied by the United Nations, could adversely affect the chances of activating the tripartite initiative on the ground and with the desired speed.